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JOHN JANKIN'S SERMON

The minister said last night, says he, "Don't be afraid of givin'; If your life ain't nothin' to other folks, Why, what's the use of livin'?" And that's what I say to wife, says I; There's Brown, the mis'rable sinner,

He'il sooner a beggar would starve than give I tell you our minister's prime, he is, But I couldn't quite determine, When I heard him a givin it right and left. Just who was hit by his sarmon.

Of course, there couldn't be no mistake When he talked of long-winded prayin', For Peters and Johnson, they sot and scowled At every word he was sayin'. And the minister, he went on to say,

"There's various kinds o'cheatin', And religion's as good for every day As it is to bring to meetin.' I don't think much of a man that gives The Lord 'amens' at my preachin', And spends his time the followin' week In cheatin' and overreachin'."

I guess that dose was bitter enough For a man like Jones to swaller; But I noticed he didn't open his mouth But once, after that, to holler, Hugrah! say I, for the minister,-Of course, I said it quiet,-

Cive us some more of this open talk; Its very refreshing diet. The minister hit 'em every time; And when he spoke of fashion, And a-riggin' out in bows and things, As woman's rulin' passion.

And a-comin' to church to see the styles, I couldn't help a-winkin', And a-nudgin' my wrfe, and, says I, "That's you," And I guess it sother thinkin'. Just then the minister says, says he,

"And now I have come to the fellers Who've lost this shower by usin' their friends As sort o' moral umbrellers. Go home," says he, "and find your faults, Instead of huntin' your brothers'; Go home," says he, rand wear the coats You've tried to fit for others."

And there was lots o' smilin', And lets o' look n' at our pew; It set my blood a-bilin' Says I to myself, our minister Is gettia' a little bitter : I'll teil him when meetin's out that I In't at all that kind of critter!

My wife, she nudged, and Brown, he winked

VARIETIES.

+The Guardian.

A had habit to get into, a coat that is not Open on Sundays, 9 to 10 A. M., 12 to 1, and 5 to 6 P. M.

> An Finglish was asserts that machiners is the most modest of all things, since it almost always travels in cog. Sunday is the strongest day, because all BLOOMFIELD.

the others are "week days;" yet, if it is the strongest, why is it so often broken? It is a hard strain on a man's virtue to sawdust, or Indian meal, or salt before their

says that if women would study housekeeping as their linsbands study law, medicine, and book-keeping, there would be much less complaint of bad servants.

The fog has had a queer effect out in Corry, Pa. One night when it was dense asked for a "straight."

The Danbury News states that a New Haven editor spent last Sunday in Slawson and attended church. When the contribution-box came around he was in a dose, but,

panie and put it nobody knows where. Then he died suddenly, and his heirs are wildly prospecting in all sorts of probable and im- that was being enacted. probable places.

the ladies, he said, wore "a magnificent satin, decollete at the bottom and sides. When he learnt what decollete meant, and able philosophy and resignation. for him, the town was too small to hold

A four-year-old lad in Boston is of an inquiring turn of mind. A few days since he was possessed by a desire to know whether his younger sister's head would go into the concerned. family bean pot. It did go in beautifully. but it would not come out again, and a surgical operation was performed upon the pot from which it will never recover, the instruous infant now wishes to try another experi- sent, ment with a larger bean-pot, but a strict guard is kept over that utensil.

to have the editor of a newspaper for a Kitty, wife. Mr. Lewis Walker of Iola, Kan., enjoys that sweet boon. Appreciating his modesty, she waited for his temporary absence, and then brought him out in her for the United States Senate, with a most touching editorial setting forth his honesty. Furniture and Pianos MOVED WITH CARE. Also Gen Mr. Lewis Walker took this sort of thing tune." when he got home, we are not informed.

A peculiar case of forgetfulness and increase of treasure came up in Lowell, Mass., recently, at the Lowell institute for earnings. Years ago, a young lady from Sandford, Me., came to Lowell, and from her earnings deposited \$175 in this institu-NEW JERSEY. tion. She left the city twenty-one years ago and returned home, and in course of time forgot her deposit. Recently it occurred to her that she might have some money the duty she owed him as a daughter. there, and she wrote to inquire if there was SHOP ON ARTISAN STREET, BLOOMFIELD, N. J., anything left for her. Mr Canney, the treasurer, reported that there was a balance there ing intelligence.

KITTY'S RUSE.

"I can't stand this any longer, Kitty: this mitted. suspense is wearing out my life. I mean to have a talk with your father this very night. and know the worst, whatever it is." Brown-eyed, brown-haired Kitty Cline

and resolute face.

longer! You know just how contrary and which were slipped under her door by her set in his way father is. If you do as you cousin, who was in the plot, the contental say, the up hot will be that he will forbid of which seemed to afford her great satisfacyou coming to the house at all. You leave tion. tell you how it works."

pleasant greeting.

He was a short, thick-set man, with a red, collar was too tight for him.

Stumping into the house with considerable more noise than was necessary, he turned to the window where Kitty was sitting, humming atone, a careless, unconcerned look upon her face, which belied the frightened feeling at heart.

"What's that young fellow coming here so much for, Kitty ?"

Kitty t sed her head with an air of dis-

"For what he won't get, smart as he thinks himself. He wanted that I should let him speak to you, but I told him that it wouldn't be the least particle of use."

The old man glared at his daughter with an air of mingled astonishment and indignation that was Indicrous to witness. "You die, hey ?"

"Yes," replied Kitty, composedly, threading her neath. "He seems to have got the idea in his pead, some way, that you would favor his suit but I told him that it wouldn't make any difference if he did." Here Mr. Cline fairly choked with rage,

being unable to give utterance to his feelinarticulate sound. ings only b "And the furthermore, he needn't take the trouble o call here again," continued

Johnny assures us that a railroad conductor punches a hole in your ticket to let you scious of the form that was gathering. "And have you the assurance to tell me,

man, "that my favoring his suit will make no difference ?" "Well, papa, of course I'd be sorry to run

counter to your wishes, but-" "I rather think you would be," interrupt

fall on a slippery sidewalk and rise up fand ed her father; "it's an operation that you call those blessed who sprinkle no ashes, or | wouldn't care to repeat-not while I'm above ground. Mr. Dungan is an intelligent and worthy young man, of whose preference any A housekeeper, writing of poor servants, lady with the least particle of sense would be proud. I shall invite him to continue his calls here, and remember that it is my consideration that he deserves."

Having thus delivered himself, Mr. Cline with moisture a man went into a prayer left the room with an air of great satisfac; his head, and he makes me think of an Iu- ly improper; that it encouraged love-maktion; Kitty making no response, save by a subdued laugh behind the handkerchief, in which she had buried her face.

on being nudged, hastily exclaimed, "I have her laughing eyes, and as soon as it began in him. He has none of the social artificial dignified and less embarrassing position, to A gentlemen in Missouri drew all his where she knew Robert would be waiting have; he is as devoid of social perspective as family circle. money out of the bank during the late for her, to tell him of her success, and to in- a Japanese picture, and there is a similar Whether the ayes or noes will have it re-

A Western Jenkins laft town suddenly the tinued his calls with more frequency than much, intends to spend the remainder of the and we advise a thorough ventilation of the other day, after having written up an ac- before, being treated by Kitty, when her season here, and has sent to Oregon for a subject. count of a brilliant wedding, where one of father was present, with a coolness which peculiar kind of saddle, as he wishes to ride the young man took with very commend; on the Campagna; and some wicked wit re-

that the lady's husband was making inquiries Perhaps the warmth and cordiality of his 'buffalo skins and scalps.' Miller says hamlet has now its literary and musical or host had something to do with this, or he might have been sustained by various pri- and London; in each place you meet more vate interviews with Kitty, and which seemed to be very pleasant and satisfactory to all

It isn't every man who is lucky enough received much encouragement from Miss him sadly and said these words, "After be got out of mere vapid society gatherings, the object of which is display. These little

that he assured her of his determination to many.

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keep her on bread and water until she sub-

With this pleasing prospect before her, Kitty remained "in durance vile" all day. She did not seem at all cast down; on the contrary, she bore every appearance of being looked up in dismay at her lover's clouded in an exceedingly comfortable and contented frame of mind. She spent the greater "Oh, Robert, pray be patient a little while part of the day in answering sundry notes,

it to me. I have a plan in my head. Be at | When the old gentleman visited Kitty of blasted corn. Cousin Jane's to-morrow evening, and I will in the evening, he found her considerably subdued, which he ascribed, is no small the children of Israel fasted seven days, and As Robert Dunn left the house, which he degree, to the regimen of bread and water did with a lighter heart than when he enter- to which he had condemmed her, being in ed it, he met Mr. Cline at the gate, who blissful ignorance of the more appetizing glared wrathfully at him in return for his fare that had been sureptitiously smuggled the people. in to her.

When her father intimated that she could uncomfortable looking face, as though his leave her room as soon as she signified her the seventh day they surrounded the walls willingness to take the husband he had se-

lected for her, she yielded a sullen assent. Kitty was careful to express her determination to defer her marriage as long as possible, and as a natural consequence, her tion. father was prompt in asserting his determimation that the ceremony should be performed at once.

Kitty contrived to retain the sullen, resentful look she had assummed until the hour Jordan. appointed for the wedding. Then her face which created such a marked transformation in her countenance as to attract her father's

knew she would," was his inward comment, times Kitty's married life was a very happy-

"And you may thank me for it," he chuckled. "You never would have married Robert if I hadn't insisted on it. Girls never

know what is good for 'em; it's well that you had some one to choose for you." Kitty made no reply, save by a reguish

were acquainted with the secret, as well as the good result of "Kitty's Ruse." Anna Brewster, writing to the Philadel- young ladies to take it up. phia Bulletin from Rome, says: "Joaquin | The affirmative asserted that the antiquit Miller is called eccentric; it is true, when ty and universality of the custom was in ityou first see him, you notice about him an self evidence of its propriety; that young exceptional though quiet emphasis, which people were not left along because they wishwould be unpardonable, indeed absurd, in ed to de or say what might not be done or an ordinary person. As soon as your cog- said before all the world, but because age nize that you are with a genius, which you naturally felt a want of sympathy with the do instantly, this conspicuousness loses its rivolity of youth, and liked to pursue its prominence, and becomes on the contrary a occupations undisturbed by talk of events part and parcel of the power and weight of in which it felt no interest, or incipient lovewish that you treat him with the respect and the man. Miller has a droll, curious manner making was exceedingly uninteresting to all sometimes when introduced to a stranger; but the parties concerned. he lengthens out his neck a little, crouches The opposite declared that in all counhis shoulders, his eyes seem to recede into tries but this it would be deemed exceedingdian with a tomahawk, ready to spring. At | ing which was not meant to be serious by such times his eyes seem to move stealthily giving it opportunity; that young men around after the person just made known to would find a chance to tell their own story Having first made sure that her father had him. It is a most remarkable manner. There if they wanted to bad enough; that it was taken himself off down the street, she dried is a great amount of freshness and frankness better for them, and placed girls in a more to grow dask, she went over to her cousin's, atmosphere about him which the rest of us introduce young gentlemen visitors to the struct him into his part in the little comedy delivery, fineness, and peculiar out-of-the- mains still an open question. In the meanway naturalness which is irresistibly attractime it is a good topic for discussion in

there are two cities worth living in-Rome remarkable persons then anywhere else." There was once a German noblemsn who life would be almost too stagmant for endur-

Emboldened by the marked encourage led a foolish and dissipated life, neglecting ance were it not for those weekly reunions, ment given him by the old gentleman, Ro- his people, his family, and his affairs, drink- and the interest and effort which grow out of bert finally asked him for the hand of his ing and gambling. He had a dream one them. Practically they do for the country ment used being a hammer. The marvel- daughter, receiving his unqualified con- night which vividly impressed him. He saw future may do for the city-furnish a place a figure looking at him with a serious face of meeting for social purposes, for the cul-Robert expressed his gratitude in warm and pointing to a dial where the hands mark tivation of ideas, for the interchange of terms, taking care to hint "that he had not ed the hour of IV. The figure looked at thought, for mental friction which cannot four," and disappeared. The nobleman societies have been the nurseries of some of "Never you mind Kitty," returned the awoke in great terror thinking the vision the most distinguished talent which this old man with an air of grim satisfaction; foreboded speedy death, "After four!" day brightens our current literature, and "girls don't know what they want, nor what What could it mean? It must mean that efforts well worthy a larger audience and newspaper, The Iola Register, as a candidate is for their best good. I'll manage her." he would die in four days. So he set his more public recognition. It would be use-Accordingly, that very evening Mr. Cline house in order, sent for the priest, confess- ful to individual members, however, and integrity, genius, learning, incorruptibility communicated to his daughter what he was ed his sins and received absolution. He al. we offer it as a suggestion, that those who and special-capacity for public affairs. How pleased to term "her undeserved good for- so sent for his family and begged their forgiveness for past offences. After arranging phy, history-and pursue it systematically; No sooner had Kitty been given the name his affairs with his man of business he wait- not to the exclusion of other subjects of of the husband destined for her, than she ed for death. The four days passed on and interest, but as a starting-point of real use, vehemently asserted that she would die he did not die. He then concluded the vissooner than marry him. Her father just as ion meant four weeks. He did all the good stoutly insisted that she should; and the he could, but at the end of four weeks he controversy ended by his ordering her to her was still alive. It is plain now, he said, the chamber, declaring that she should stay vision meant four years, and in the next there until she came to a proper sense of four years he gave his whole life and fortune Belgians. In England the annual consumpfor the improvement of his people, his tion of coffee by gack person is one and one In the morning he visited Kitty, finding neighbors, and the poor, taking an honoraher, if possible, more contumacious than be- ble part in public affairs. At the end of STAIR BUILDING, Pattern Making, etc. Jobbing of all of \$785, which will undoubtedly be gratify. fore. Indeed, so provoking was her language, four years he was elected Emperor of Ger- ed States, seven : in Belgium, eight and

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Number Seven in the Bible. On the seventh day God ended his work. On the seventh month Noah's ark touched the ground,

In seven days a dove was sent. Abraham pleaded seven times for Sodom. Jacob served seven years for Richel. And yet another seven years more.

Jacob was pursued a seven days' journey by Laban.

A plenty of seven years and a famine of seven years were foretold in Pharaoh's dream by seven ears of full and seven ears

On the seventh day of the seventh month remained seven days in their tent.

Every seven days the land rested. Every seventh year the law was read to

In the destruction of Jericho, seven persons bore seven trumpets seven days; on

seven times, and at the end of the seventh round the walls fell. Solomon was seven years building the temple, and fasted seven days at its dedica-

In the tabernacle were seven lamps, The golden candlesticks have seven

branches. Naaman washed seven times in the river

Job's friends sat with him seven days and became radiant with smiles and bluckes, and seven nights, and offered seven bullocks and

seven rams for atonement. Our Saviour spoke seven times from the cross, on which he hung seven hours, and "Ha! she is making the best of it, as I after his resurrection appeared seven

In the B velation we read of seven churches, seven candlesticks, seven stars, seven "I have the best husband in the world," trumpets, seven plagues, seven thunders, she said, one day, in the hearing of her seven vials, seven angels, and a seven-headed mouster.

A Vexed Question.

A question lately came up before a young ladies' literary society in New York as to the propriety and advisability of the time-honored custom of receiving young gentlemen smile, and which was quickly communicated alone in the parlor and expecting the old to the countenances of those present, who folks to with lraw. The subject was argued with so much carnesiness on both sides and excited so great an interest, being carried Joaquin Miller in Rome. over for discussion to another meeting, that

At Mr. Cline's express invitation he con- tive. Joaquin Miller likes Rome very young ladies literary and debating societies,

Cradies of Culture.

norts that he has also sent to London for his Almost , every little town, village, and "essay" society, where original papers and sketches are read, music, vocal and instrumental, is practiced, and where social questions are discussed and much enjoyment of an intelligent and sensible kind obtained.
In many country neighborhoods, indeed,

> what the men's and women's clubs of the are inclined should take up some branch of modern study-English literature, philosofrom which it is easy to diverge in more recreative directions.

According to a recent statement the people of Holland are the largest consumers of coffee in the world, and next to them the eighth pounds; in France two and one-half; in Germany, four; in Denmark, five and one-half; in Switzerlan I, six; in the Unitone-half; in Holland, ten and one-half,

